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New Traffic Plan Offers Hazards

Designed to help alleviate the "traffic problem," Penn State's new two-way driving plan for Pollock and Shortlidge roads produced another and perhaps even more dangerous traffic hazard over the weekend.

With cars parked on both sides of the road while their occupants were saying goodnight inside the dormitories, Shortlidge road became one snarl of honking, screeching vehicles. The road was impassable for some ten minutes.

We failed to see a campus cop on the scene, not that the presence of any would have helped the situation. It is hard to understand why the people who devised this two-way scheme have ever labored under the delusion that they could prevent parking in front of the women's dormitories on a weekend night. It just cannot be done; nor is it practical.

The snarl Saturday night was broken when the cars attempting to go up the hill from College avenue started backing down—while at the same time cars from Atherton Hall were coming out of that building's rear driveway. It could have been the scene of a nasty wreck. Fortunately, it was not.

It would appear that while the two-way traffic scheme is practical for weekdays, it just will not work on weekend nights. It would also seem that the football weekends, which are rapidly bearing down on us, will produce the same kind of problems.

Those who have made the regulations should have the good sense to alter them in view of the results. One-way traffic on Shortlidge road on weekends would appear to be the answer . . .

While in Simmons

. . . And in Simmons Hall while traffic was bogged down on Shortlidge road, a hostess was taking it upon herself to rewrite the regulations established by the Senate of the Women's Student Government Association.

The WSGA Senate has ruled that women on the Penn State campus shall be allowed 1 o'clock permissions on Fridays and Saturdays. That means that men are not allowed in the women's dorms after 1 a.m. That's not 12:52, 12:55, or 12:58. That's 1 a.m.

Despite these regulations, the hostess took it upon herself to start hustling men out of the dorms at 12:52. By 12:55 she had made it to the front door, where she squared herself off like an Army sergeant, folded her arms in front of her and dared any man to make it past her into the sacred sanctuary of Simmons. Three minutes later the doors were being closed—at 12:58.

Now the dormitories are supposed to be a home away from home for Penn State's 2700 coeds. Try as we may, we can't imagine mom—for whom the hostesses are supposed to be substitutes—planting herself in the front door and driving off her daughter's dates.

Nor can we picture mom coming over to tap the boyfriend on the shoulder while her daughter was saying goodnight.

The coeds are, after all, women. Let's treat them as such . . .

And in Rec Hall

. . . While at Recreation Hall it seemed as if a plot was underfoot to prevent Penn State's frosh and new sophomores from ever hearing "Hail! Oh Hail!"

Written by Ray Fortunato, '47, "Hail! Oh Hail!" could very easily become one of the nation's top football songs if given a chance. In two years on campus, however, we have not heard the song sung more than three times. And one of those times was not at Saturday's Fun Night in Recreation Hall, where Penn State's contributions to college cheer were put on display.

"Hail! Oh Hail!" has the tempo, the lyrics, the rhythm to hit the top. All it needs is a little push . . .

But All Over

. . . And although all the frosh haven't heard "Hail! Oh Hail!" yet, they have apparently caught some of the spirit which it is the purpose of customs to instill in them.

Although customs did not start until 7 a.m. yesterday, some 400 frosh paraded down the Mall Sunday night, stopping for a few songs and cheers in front of Schwab, and then down to College avenue, where they lined the stone wall along Senior Walk.

It was an excellent display of that "good ol' Penn State spirit" and augurs well for customs. Penn State may be well on its way to being a college again.

BX Needs Your Old Textbooks

The BX, student operated used book exchange, needs books badly at the present time in order to be the service to students that it was set up to be.

When established two years ago, the exchange was to be a continuing source of used books at a great saving to the individual. It has succeeded continually since its founding, but at the present time the run on the store by students this semester has so depleted the stock that a real shortage is imminent.

Students wanting books today can get only one or two of the texts they need. This necessitates either buying new books or waiting an indefinite period for the replenishment of stock.

There is one quick, efficient, profitable way to solve the problem: If those of us who have old textbooks lying around, not getting that "future reference" use we promised so long ago, were to turn them in to the BX for resale to students who really need them, we could help everyone.

First, we would be helping the students get texts at a reasonable price; secondly, we could help ourselves financially; and finally, we could aid the BX in weathering a storm which is hindering it from being the great service that it should be.

—Bud Fenton

Gazette . . .

Tuesday, September 18
COLLEGIAN, candidates for business staff, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN, freshman, sophomore, and junior boards of business staff, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB, business meeting, 121 Sparks, 7 p.m.

PSCA, mixer, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

AT THE MOVIES
CATHAUM: Kind Lady
STATE: Millionaire For Christy
NITTANY: Operation Jack Frost

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
Linde Air Products company will interview January graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in M. E., E.E., I.E., C.E., Chem. Eng., Arch. Eng., Metal and Chem. on Thursday, Oct. 4.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Clothes pressers, experienced, for local establishments.
Radio repair men, experienced; time open.
Barbers, experienced; for work in local shops.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"See, Louise, I told you this was a friendly school— Here come some more boys who want to meet you."

A Column, by George!

Frosh Happy, No Lines For Dance

By GEORGE GLAZER

Some quotable quotes heard at the door of Recreation Hall at Saturday's Fun Night:

When ticket takers began yelling for everyone to step right up, there was no waiting. One coed, evidently wearied by registration and the accompanying mile-long lines, was heard to sigh, "At last."

This is the first place I've been that there were no lines."

And John Louch, president of the Association of Independent Men, was handed a ticket by a newcomer, saw it disappear, and then saw it pulled out of his ear—the kid was an amateur magician.

Late Saturday evening, two IFC checkers were making the rounds. One of them suggested checking his own house while the pair was in the neighborhood. Everything was all right until they got to the third floor. Then the checker almost passed out. He tried a door, and found it locked.

A muffled male voice finally answered, and then the checker's heart started beating again.

The room was a single room, and was arranged with the desk right next to the door. It was necessary for him to lock the door or risk being knocked off the chair by every visitor.

He couldn't understand why his fraternity brother-checker had to be helped down the stairs.

In the May issue of AP World, a magazine for the staffers of Associated Press bureaus all over the world, an interesting mes-

sage exchange was preserved for posterity.

All wire services, in order to speed things up and save wire space, have set up a code to cover ordinary situations.

AP World reported this set between two bureaus which they didn't name for obvious reasons.

Noname to Sansorigine: Noisy Sansorigine to Noname: Don't understand your noisy message. Everything quiet here. RSVP

Noname to Sansorigine: Pls fone.

Then AP World adds a footnote that clears up the whole thing. "For the benefit of those who haven't cracked the code book yet, Noisy in AP parlance means "please telephone this bureau long distance at once."

Mixers galore were held during orientation week. Romances begin then, friendships end in some cases; and faux pas seems to be a password.

We stood around with the rest of them, looking over the crop of rushees and new women. We spotted a woman, who seemed a little older than the run of the mill coed, talking with one of the boys.

Never one to hold back an opinion, good or bad, we hastily whispered to him, "Who's she? She looks old enough to be your mother." She was.

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September 25 is the final date. Pictures taken at Penn State Photo Shop, 214 E. College Ave., official La Vie photographers. No appointments necessary.